

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church

MONTH OF THE Rosary

October 17, 2021 ~

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SJA students honor our blessed mother and celebrate the Month of the Rosary by reciting a decade of the Rosary each morning - led here by Pre-K and the 7th grade.

TAKE UP YOUR ROSARY

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Time and again throughout history, the power of the Rosary has been reinforced. "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world," said Pope Pius IX. While the whole world might not have been converted, we do remember how Christians across Europe committed themselves to praying the Rosary leading up to the Battle of Lepanto, where the Christian fleet defeated the Ottoman Turk navy in 1571. After this victory, Pope Pius V established the feast day of Our Lady of Victory, which later became our Lady of the Rosary.

Other saints have spoken out about the power of the Rosary. St. Pio of Pietrelcina is known for his love for the Blessed Mother, and he claimed that, "Our Lady has never refused me a grace through the recitation of the Rosary." He also is well-known for saying, "The Rosary

is the weapon for these times." And this is coming from a saint who battled with the devil. Sister Lucia, one of the children to whom Mary appeared at Fatima, reiterated this point: "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

St. Louis de Montfort, who penned the popular Marian consecration and thirty-three days to morning glory which our parishioners studied and consecrated themselves through Mary to Jesus, said of the Rosary, "Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil as sorcerers do who practice black magic, and even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a devil, sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and will save your soul, if – and mark well what I say – if you say the holy Rosary devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins." *(continued on page 2)*

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Confessions: Sat. 3:30pm | **Daily Mass Time:** Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

Sunday Mass Times: Sat. 5:00pm | Sun. 8:30am, 10:30am, 1:30pm (Spanish)

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The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. It blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life, which, after two thousand years, has lost none of the freshness of its beginnings and feels drawn by the Spirit of God to “set out into the deep” (*duc in altum!*) in order once more to proclaim, and even cry out, before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, “the way, and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6), “the goal of human history and the point on which the desires of history and civilization turn.”

St. John Paul II, whose feast day is October 22nd, wrote the Apostolic Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, which was promulgated on October 16, 2002, just a couple of years before his death said this about the Rosary of the Virgin Mary: “The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. It blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life, which, after two thousand years, has lost none of the freshness of its beginnings and feels drawn by the Spirit of God to “set out into the deep” (*duc in altum!*) in order once more to proclaim, and even cry out, before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour, “the way, and the truth and the life” (*Jn 14:6*), “the goal of human history and the point on which the desires of history and civilization turn”.⁽¹⁾ The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has

all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium.⁽²⁾ It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial Magnificat for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb. With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.”

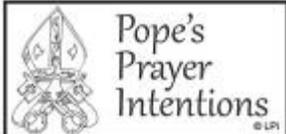
Our world is divided and broken more than ever before. Our Church and our families are not exempt from this fact. Often the laity and those not in the hierarchy of the Church feel that we have no way to bring about healing and make an impact at an individual level. Most of us will not have ministries that convert the world, and we may not be renowned as saints such as those whose memories we celebrate according to the liturgical calendar. But we can pray. more specifically, we can ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us and our Church. And just as our heavenly Father does not fail us, neither will our heavenly other. So, this October, and every month afterward, I encourage you to pick up your rosary and be an instrument of good for the Church. St. John Paul II wanted the faithful to pray the Rosary faithfully in order to grow in holiness, conformation to Christ, and to change the world. It is a prayer of great power and importance in the Christian life. As you begin/continue your journey with the Rosary be sure to read through *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* so that you can truly understand the fruits of this great spiritual weapon. Our lady of the Rosary, pray for us. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

Many blessings,
Rev. Maxy D’Costa



NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world’s most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope’s missions in your prayers and be generous in next week’s collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Envelopes are at each exit - please return them next weekend.

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“We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” [ACTS 4:20]		“No podemos dejar de hablar de lo que hemos visto y oído” [HCH 4:20]	



OCTOBER: Intention for evangelization - Missionary disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

Parish-wide Bible Challenge

This week, Mark 10:46-52. Do you need a Bible? Contact the Parish Office.

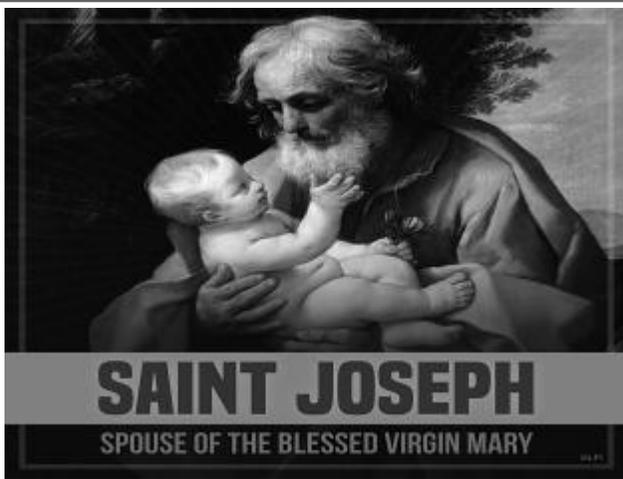
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All are invited to the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 8:30am to 4:00pm, and Second Mondays 8:30am to 8:00pm. Please come spend some time in prayer and reflection with your family before the Blessed Sacrament.



Church Open During The Week

The church will be open Monday - Friday after 8:00am Mass to 4:00pm (Saturday - 8:00am - 3:00pm) for personal prayer and reflection. Bring your family and come spend some time with Jesus. Please enter through the side door of the church.



Prayer to St. Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.

Come join others after the 5:00 and 8:30 Mass, to grow in your love and understanding of the Eucharist.

Each week we're watching one of the videos from last year's Bible study: "Eucharist – Discovering the Mass in the Bible". Next week: Lesson 6

Throughout his public ministry, Jesus displayed divine power in the many miracles he performed. Dr. Pitre uncovers a deeper meaning to many of those miracles including the water, wine, loaves and fishes—and how they enlighten our understanding of the Eucharist.



Come when you can and bring a friend!



Join Court St. Anne in celebrating National CDA Sunday this weekend. They have a table in the vestibule with brochures and pepper jelly available for sale. They are also hosting coffee and donuts! Stop by the vestibule and then come enjoy coffee and donuts!

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Calendar and Mass Intentions

Sat, Oct 16

3:30-4:30pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass - Albert Lou †

6:00pm Video - "Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible", YR

Sun, Oct 17 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Mass - All Parishioners

9:30am Video - "Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible", YR

10:30am Mass - Nick Monte †

11:45am 1st Reconciliation Parent/Child Mtg, PC

1:30pm Mass (Spanish)

3:00pm Welcome Cafe - Sack Lunch, SVDP

6:30pm Bible Study, PC

Mon, Oct 18

6:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 140 Mtg, PC

Tues, Oct 19

8:00am Mass - Holy Souls in Purgatory

6:00pm RCIA, YR

8:30pm Men's Basketball, Gym

Wed, Oct 20

8:00am Mass - Jim Betourney †

4:00pm Choir Rehearsal for 8:30am Mass

6:15pm Bible Study, PC

6:30pm Confirmation/Youth Group, Library

7:30pm Confirmation Adoration, Church

Thurs, Oct 21

8:00am Mass - Rosemary Hegenbart †

9:00am Bible Study, PC

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal for 10:30am Mass

Fri, Oct 22

8:00am Mass - Mark A. Barr †

8:45am-4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat, Oct 23

3:30-4:30pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass - Wendell Tschirgi †

6:00pm Video - "Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible", YR

Sun, Oct 24 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Mass - All Parishioners

9:00am Family of Faith Community Mtg, Gym

9:30am Video - "Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible", YR

10:30am Mass - Martha Tschirgi †

11:45am 1st Reconciliation Parent/Child Mtg, PC

1:30pm Mass (Spanish)

3:00pm Welcome Cafe Sack Lunch, SVDP

6:30pm Bible Study, PC

Sacraments and Services

About Baptism Formation: To begin the process, contact Ryan Mainard, Pastoral Associate: Phone 503-742-8228
Email: r.mainard@sj-catholicchurch.com.

Marriage: Couples that plan to get married, please contact our Parish Priest for Marriage Formation Classes 9 months prior to the desired wedding date. (pastor@sj-catholicchurch.com)

Funeral Mass / Service: Please first contact Rev. Maxy D'Costa at 503-742-8200 to plan a funeral service at St. John the Apostle for your loved one at your earliest convenience. If you would like your loved one buried in the St. John the Apostle cemetery, please contact Gary Avery at 503-655-7148 to make those arrangements

Family Member that has moved to assisted living/care facility/hospice: If you have a family member that has moved to a care facility, please inform the parish office so we can arrange for pastoral care and we will note the address in our records.

Assisted Hearing System: We have an assisted listening system to help facilitate better hearing for all of our members. Contact the office.

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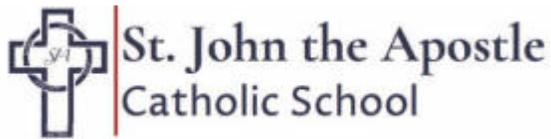
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Thank you for all who continue to support our food bank! This week's need is canned goods, soup.

Weekly Offertory

Week of September 12th	\$ 15,302.67
Week of September 19th	\$ 12,054.38
Week of September 26th	\$ 18,029.31
Week of October 3rd	\$ 7,900.85
Week of October 10th	\$ 12,550.20

YTD Budgeted	\$ 173,067.27
YTD Received	\$ 178,685.86
Difference	\$ 5,618.59



St. John the Apostle
Catholic School

SJA Teacher Of The Week

This week SJA is featuring our 2nd Grade Teacher Maddie Berowski. Maddie is starting her 7th year in education. She did her undergraduate work in education at Carroll College in Helena Montana. She is currently working on her Master's Degree in education. Maddie comes to SJA via the Archdiocese of Chicago where she taught third and fourth grade. Maddie is an Oregonian, she grew up in West Linn and now resides in the area with her husband and their two cats.

When asked what do you love most about SJA, Maddie replied: The close community and the love and joy that is spread throughout the halls. Welcome to SJA Maddie, we are all so happy you are here! Thank you for all you do for SJA!



October is Respect Life Month



The Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Oregon City Obria Medical Clinic for the expenses of managing the mobile ultrasound van that they are parking outside of Planned Parenthood offices to support and help expectant mothers. Boxes are available at all the doors and the back of the Church. Please return at the end of the month to the Respect Life Display in the vestibule.

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